

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
7 June 1967

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 8:30 a.m. EDT)

1. The Israelis this morning shattered a de facto ceasefire agreement with Jordan, according to Husayn. The King told the US Embassy that despite Jordan's decision last night to stop fighting -- which was apparently passed to Tel Aviv -- the Israelis are now "attacking in force along the entire front." He said that he fears Israel may drop paratroops on the East Bank. The King has appealed to the US, UK, French, and Soviet Ambassadors "to beg your governments to stop this massive violation of the ceasefire." The Israelis apparently have Jerusalem completely encircled and are pressing hard all along the West Bank salient. Amman has announced that Husayn is to make a radio address this morning.

2. Tel Aviv has announced that Israeli armed forces in the Sinai Peninsula are driving along three axes toward the Suez Canal, and may cut off the bulk of two retreating Egyptian divisions. Announced Israeli objectives are Qantara, Ismailia and Port Toufiq, all near the Canal. Some Israeli elements are already said to have reached Romani, about 20 miles from the Canal.

3. Cairo radio admitted on 7 June that Egyptian forces are now fighting on "the second line" in Sinai as a result of "air activity of the enemy on the front supported by foreign forces." The Egyptians claim to have downed eight Israeli aircraft over Sinai "this morning."

DIA review(s) completed.

State Dept. review completed

4. On 7 June Damascus radio alleged that Syrian forces have occupied the Huleh plain in Israel and are chasing Israeli forces "toward Nazareth." The Israeli radio's counterclaim that the Syrian border is now quiet appears more credible.

5. Further demonstrations against US installations have occurred. A mob surrounded the American Consulate General in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia yesterday for approximately one hour. The demonstrators stoned out windows and attacked cars, but there were no injuries to Consulate General personnel. In Algeria, demonstrations took place on 6 June at the consulates at Oran and Constantine. Crowds were held in check in Algiers on the same day.

6. Saudi Arabia apparently joined Algeria, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq today in cutting off oil shipments to the West. The Saudi radio announced that the cabinet has decided "to immediately suspend the export of oil to the states which support the Zionist gangs."

7. Baghdad has announced that Iraq will not abide by the Security Council ceasefire resolution. There is no official confirmation of press reports that Cairo has also refused to accept the resolution, but the Cairo radio is continuing to broadcast calls for all-out war against Israel. A meeting of Arab foreign ministers is scheduled to be held tomorrow in Kuwait. The conference was apparently called by Iraq following the allegations of American and British support for Israel.

8. The USSR has mentioned but has not joined in the chorus of Arab claims that the US and UK have given direct military support to the Israelis. TASS, in commenting on yesterday's Security Council resolution, catalogues the remarks of the various delegates -- including Fedorenko -- who condemned Israel and urged an agreement on a withdrawal of forces.

25X1

25X1

25X1

10. Our Cairo Embassy has just reported that it has been informed by the Italians there that the Egyptian Foreign Minister told them Egypt is agreeable to a ceasefire and is consulting its Arab allies.

Page Denied

Next 1 Page(s) In Document Denied

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
7 June 1967

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 2:00 p.m. EDT)

1. An official in the Israel Ministry of Defense stated this morning that Foreign Minister Eban's agreement to the UN ceasefire resolution will not interfere with the goals of Israel's current operation. General Moshe Dayan, the new minister of defense, will turn a "blind eye" on any attempt to interrupt the course of events. The official added that there has been a television broadcast from Cairo showing a captured Israeli pilot being hacked to death with axes and knives by an Egyptian mob.

3. The emergency meeting of the Security Council called by the Soviet Union this afternoon convened shortly after 1:00 p.m. and Moscow tabled a resolution which noted that despite the Security Council's appeal for a ceasefire, military action in the area continues. It called for all parties to abide by a ceasefire set for 4:00 p.m. Washington time today.

4. King Husayn is continuing to call for a ceasefire, but Israel's forces are still advancing. Earlier today the King formally notified the U.N. Security Council of his acceptance of the ceasefire, and Radio

25X1

Amman continues to broadcast the news of Jordan's acceptance. Meanwhile, Jordan's Chief of Staff, Khammash, informed U.S. officials that his military units on the West Bank are being badly mauled, as they attempt to withdraw East of the Jordan river. There are no reports yet of Israeli forces crossing that river.

5. Official reports have reached the British government that Israeli forces have reached the east bank of the Suez Canal, according to press reports from London. It has also been confirmed publicly by an Israeli army spokesman that Israeli forces have captured Sharm-ash-Shaykh.

25X1

6. The Lebanese Prime Minister announced this morning that his country "will take measures to sever relations with the U.S."

9. Despite press reports that some French ships are continuing to pass through the Suez Canal, all available information indicates that the Canal remains closed.

25X1

10. A series of riots has broken out in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Aramco shut down its refinery and loading facilities after agitators blocked their gates. Several hours later Aramco was hit by a mob which broke in the gates, looting and overturning cars. Another mob surrounded the American consulate for about an hour, and then moved to the airbase where it demonstrated at the U.S. Military Training Mission headquarters and family quarters. Despite the fact that women and children were inside, homes were entered and almost everything inside destroyed. The military airlift command terminal was gutted. In Khartoum, a U.S. marine's house was entered and its furniture burnt, and another house was reportedly attacked.

11. An official of the Saudi Foreign Ministry stated that Saudi Arabia will not approve the U.N. ceasefire resolution "unless Palestine is restored to its people."

25X1

25X1



25X1

25X1

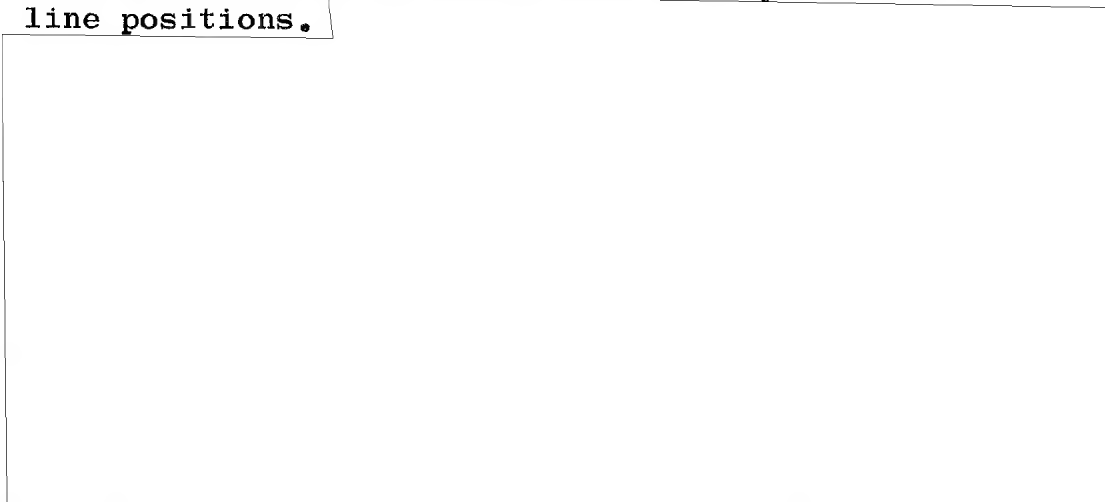
14. The Arabs continue to claim that U.S. and British forces are actively aiding the Israelis.



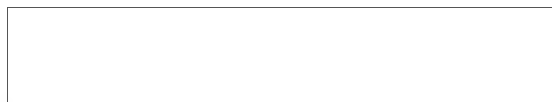
Damascus

radio reported that U.S. infantry participated in battles in Jerusalem and Cairo radio claims that British Canberra bombers have struck Syrian front line positions.

25X1



25X1



Page Denied

Next 1 Page(s) In Document Denied

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
7 June 1967

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 6:00 p.m. EDT)

1. The Security Council unanimously passed a second ceasefire resolution. Canada then proposed a resolution that the President and the Secretary General take all means to bring about effective compliance. This raises the question of whether the Soviet Union and France will agree in effect to giving peacekeeping powers to the Secretary General. Both have in the past sought to limit the peacekeeping powers of the Secretary General. In the debate this afternoon the UAR representative asked the Council to condemn Israel as the aggressor and to call for withdrawal of troops to truce lines. This resolution has not been tabled.

25X1

3. A report today broadcast by Cairo radio stating that Nasir had sent messages to Boumedienne, Iraqi President Arif, King Husayn, and Syrian Head of State

25X1

Atassi presumably is connected with the effort to organize a conference.

4. Algeria today called on the Soviet Union for firmer support for the Arabs in the war with Israel, a press report from Algiers quotes official sources as saying. The plea reportedly was contained in a message from Boumedienne to Kosygin and was promoted by the Soviet acceptance of the resolution in the Security Council last night which caused "strong displeasure" in Algeria.

5. President Bourgiba has told the Tunisian army contingent which is to go to the UAR, that he is first sending a delegation to Cairo to determine the exact manner in which the contingent will be employed. The US Embassy in Tunis interprets the sending of this delegation as a means of avoiding the immediate dispatch of the troops, while at the same time demonstrating solidarity with the Arabs.

6. During a cabinet meeting today, Lebanon decided to recall its ambassadors from the US and Great Britain and to request the withdrawal of the representatives of those countries from Lebanon. This does not appear to be a full diplomatic break.

7. An explosion hit the Shell Oil Company storage depot in Beirut last night, after a day of anti-western demonstrations; 100,000 tons of oil were reportedly destroyed in the ensuing fire. Although the tanks were marked with Shell, they apparently were owned by Lebanese, not American interests.

8. Israel's three-pronged attack across Sinai appears to have accomplished most of its objectives. The armoured thrust along the Mediterranean coast has apparently reached the environs of the Suez Canal; the central drive has reached Bir Gafgafa, about 55 miles from its objective, Ismailia; and the southern attack has reached the Mitla Pass, some 30 miles from Port Taufiq. The Egyptian forces appear to be pulling back to the canal. Israeli aircraft have been attacking bridges and ferries over the canal as well as Port Taufiq.

9. Israeli troops in Jordan have taken Jericho and Bethlehem. Hebron is under attack and the UN representative there is attempting to facilitate a surrender to prevent destruction of the city. Israel

[redacted]

appears to control nearly all the West Bank. The Jordanian prime minister admitted this afternoon that all Jordanian brigades have lost up to 80% of their strength and are mostly out of ammunition. All their tanks, motorized equipment and other vehicles have either been destroyed or abandoned. The retreating troops are being strafed by aircraft and artillery. In Jerusalem the Israelis have captured 4000 prisoners.

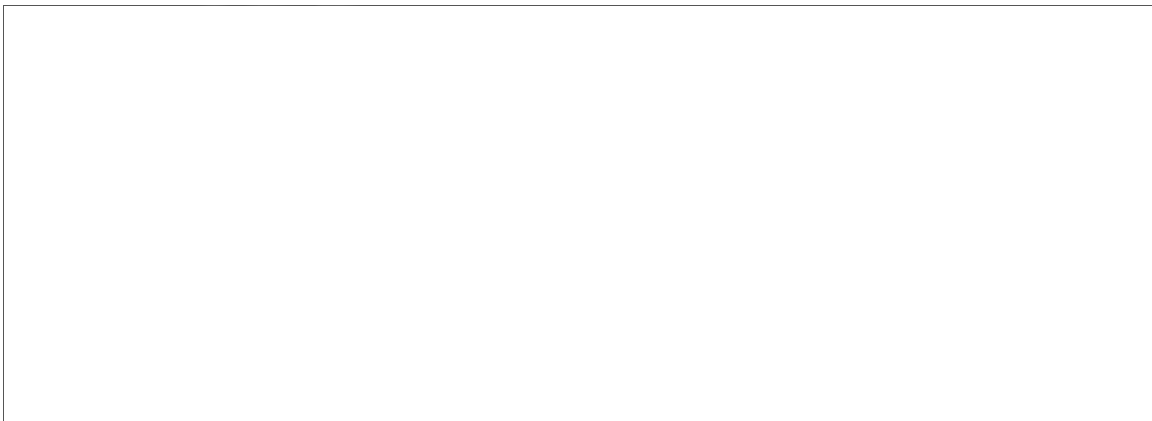
10. Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan is quoted by the press as saying Israel would never give back Jerusalem to the Arabs. The Israelis are taking steps to cope with feeding and housing problems in the Old City in the aftermath of the fighting. They also are permitting buses with "delirious" school children from the Israeli sector to make tours through the badly damaged former Jordanian sector, [redacted]

25X1

[redacted] all resistance had not yet ceased. There was scattered firing in the Old City and in one area outside of it. [redacted] the US Consulate in the former Jordanian sector took several direct hits from artillery and mortars.

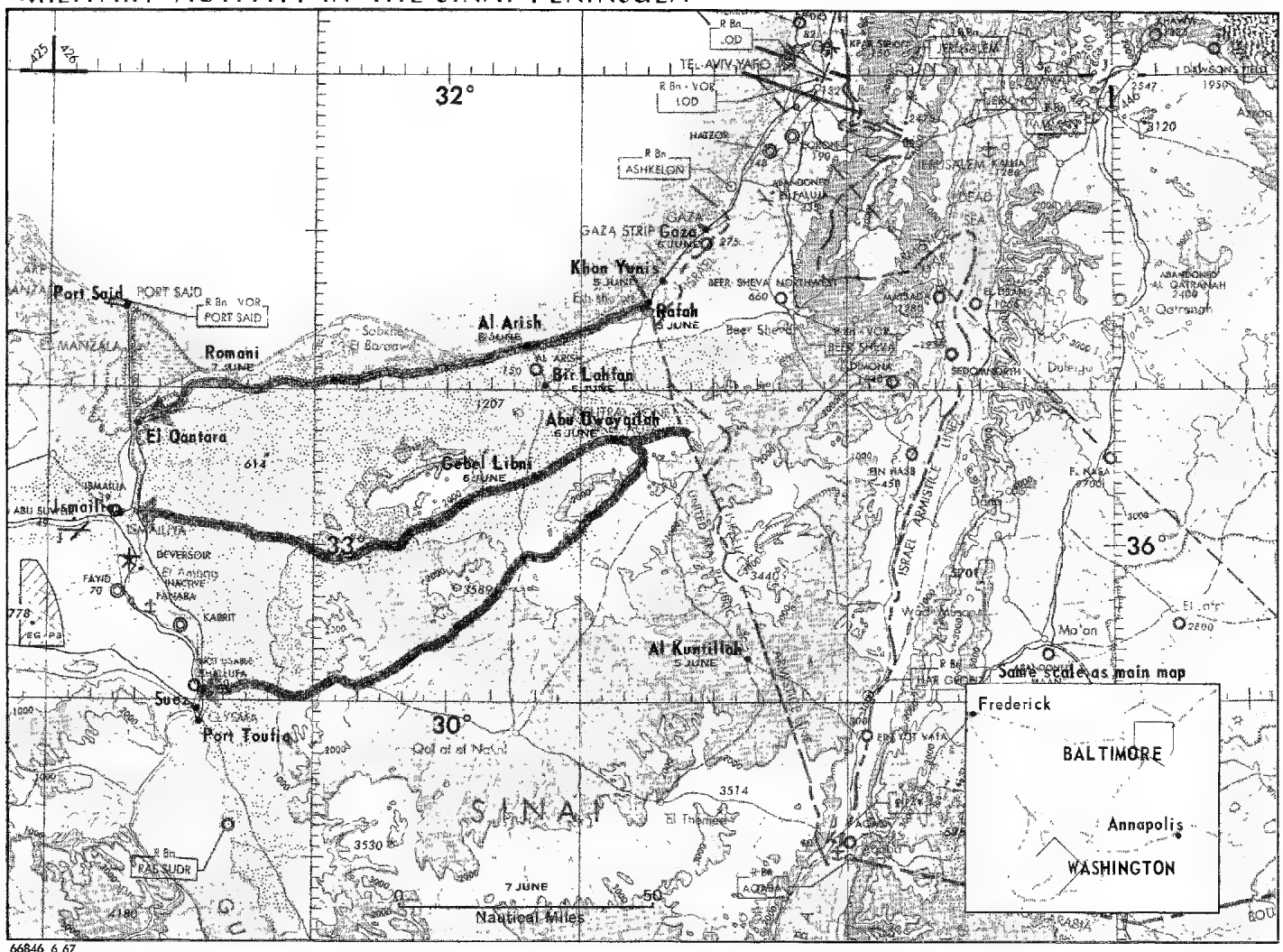
25X1

11. Late information indicates that oil production in Qatar is still about two-third's of capacity and that Aba Dhabi also is in production. Saudi Arabia has now formally forbidden shipments of oil to the US and UK. ARAMCO has complied with this order. Apparently, shipments to other states will continue. Although Libya has felt obliged to close down production and export of oil, the Government has told oil operators and experts to stand fast in order to reopen production when it becomes feasible.



Page Denied

MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE SINAI PENINSULA



Page Denied

Next 1 Page(s) In Document Denied

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
7 June 1967

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 8:30 p.m. EDT)

1. Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan announced at a press conference today that Israel will allow Egyptian ships to pass through the Strait of Tiran. "It is an international waterway," he declared.

2. The Israelis have denied the BBC report that Israeli forces have crossed the Suez Canal and entered Ismailia. The Israelis are claiming that Egyptian forces are in total disarray, that Israel is in control of most of the "relevant" parts of Sinai, that most of the Jordanian army and an Iraqi brigade operating in Jordan have been captured, and that Israeli forces have reached Mt. Hebron and the Jordan River. The Israeli Air Force now claims to have destroyed a total of 441 Arab aircraft. Israeli claims may be somewhat exaggerated, but Jordanian military forces appear to be disintegrating, and the Egyptians may be close to a complete collapse. Egyptian forces in the Gaza Strip have formally surrendered unconditionally.

4. This morning, Cairo radio, in its domestic broadcasts, began putting out more songs and slogans extolling Nasir and stressing popular faith in him. This may reflect the regime's concern over what some foreign diplomats view as a state of panic in Egypt and

[redacted]

as a growing conviction there that Egyptian military losses spell the end of the Nasir regime.

[redacted]

25X1

Today's Izvestia carries a report from London that several Arab countries broke off diplomatic relations with Britain because "according to information from the Arab side, the British air force took direct part in military action, providing an umbrella for attacking Israeli troops." The newspaper did not mention similar Arab allegations that American aircraft aided Israel.

6. The press is reporting from Amman tonight that foreign military attaches there have been informed that Jordan had no knowledge of action by the US and British planes over Jordan.

[redacted]

25X1

8. The US Embassy in Amman reports that, as a result of the military action on the West Bank, refugees from that area are beginning to stream into the East Bank, principally to Amman. The Embassy believes the number may reach tens of thousands and that, in any case, their arrival in Amman will create problems of food and housing as well as disorder, possibly directed toward Americans.

9. A mob of about 500 in an ugly mood has gathered in al-Khobar, a Saudi town near Dhahran. The US Consulate considers local defense forces inadequate to protect Americans in Dhahran if the mob should move there on a rampage. Saudi officials, however, feel that troops on hand are sufficient to handle the situation, and claim that ringleaders of the previous

demonstration have been picked up. Some Saudi troops are now stationed at the Dhahran airport, the Consulate-General, and at the ARAMCO installation--all of which were damaged by a mob earlier in the day.

12. Moroccan Foreign Minister Laraki informed the US Embassy last night "in strictest confidence" that Morocco had airlifted twenty soldiers yesterday to Libya, ostensibly for onward movement to Egypt, as a demonstration of Moroccan support for the Arab cause. Laraki added, however, that the troops were in Benghazi, Libya, that the King had ordered that they remain there, and that no more troops would be sent.

13. Iran continues to give verbal support to the Arab cause, but official circles apparently are delighted that Nasir is taking a beating. The Shah, who returned to Teheran tonight, was asked by the press whether Iran would stop selling oil to Israel. He replied, "We are not selling petrol to Israel. We sell to the companies and they sell. We cannot control where they sell oil."

14. In Indian Kashmir, pro-Arab demonstrations have turned into riots against the state Congress Party government.



Page Denied

Next 1 Page(s) In Document Denied

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
7 June 1967

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 11:00 a.m. EDT)

1. The U.N. Security Council's ceasefire resolution continues to be ignored by the combatants in the Middle East. While some reports tell of Egyptian acceptance, Baghdad radio today reported that "Egypt has announced that it will not accept the Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire, and that it will continue the war." King Husayn of Jordan is reported to have accepted a ceasefire but Israeli forces apparently have continued their attack. In a speech at noon Jordan time, possibly reflecting his resignation that a ceasefire would not be effective, he urged his citizens to "fight until the end and until we die."

25X1

25X1

[REDACTED]

Israeli army spokesman announced that Israeli troops had taken Romani, only 20 miles from the Suez Canal.

25X1 5. Charges of American participation in the hostilities continue to proliferate in the Arab world and appear to be generally believed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] An editorial in Egypt's semi-authoritative al Ahram claimed that American aircraft operated only inside Israeli air space, so that if a plane were shot down there would be no incriminating evidence outside Israeli territory. Evidence advanced in support of the charge included the allegation that downed Israeli pilots carried aerial photographs of Egyptian positions that "could only have been taken by the U.S."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A grenade was thrown into the rear court of the American consulate in Aden, but there were no casualties and no damage. A crowd of about 150 stoned the American embassy in Damascus and sacked the American and British consulates in Aleppo;

25X1 [REDACTED] The American embassy in Taiz has been set on fire.

25X1 7. Arab governments continue to take action against American and British oil interests. Libya has decided to stop oil pumping and ban oil exports from all Libyan ports. Bahrain has suspended all tanker loading operations and refinery operations have slowed; massive labor unrest has been reported.

[REDACTED]

The pipeline in Abu Dhabi has been closed down, and there have been threats to blow it up. One pipeline has already been blown up in Qatar, and a fire has been reported in an unspecified installation there. Saudi Arabia's ban on oil has been extended to nations other than Britain and the U.S.; a Norwegian and a West German tanker have been refused permission to load.

25X1

[REDACTED]

9. Mauritania has officially broken off diplomatic relations with the U.S. The Sudanese Foreign Minister has explained that although the Sudan is breaking off diplomatic relations with the U.S., the government would like to retain economic, cultural, and consular relations.

10. Israeli forces continue to plunge forward in their effort to takeover the West Bank. They have captured Ramallah and Nablus, major road junctions 10 and 30 miles north of Jerusalem respectively.

25X1

[REDACTED]

Heavy fighting, however, appears to continue. Within Jerusalem Israeli troops continue to mop up isolated pockets and have taken Mount Scopus.

11. The Soviet Union has called an emergency meeting of the Security Council, which is expected to convene in a few hours.

Page Denied

Next 1 Page(s) In Document Denied